I was stunned to read that the broadcast media companies are pushing a rule that will require HDTV receivers to honor a "broadcast" flag and not allow home recording of this material.

These are public airwaves provided to these companies by the people of this country through our government. No cost is incurred by these companies for using these public frequencies. Why should they be able to restrict anything for commercial purposes? If they want to do that let them send their signal over cable, microwave or satellite and compete with the companies already in that space.